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SUBJECT: GOA RECALLS ARGENTINE LEADERS FROM ILO CONFERENCE

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BEGIN SUMMARY

1. THE GOA HAS ORDERED SEVEN ARGENTINE TRADE UNION LEADERS TO RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES FROM GENEVA WHERE THEY WERE ATTENDING THE ILO CONFERENCE. THEY DEPARTED GENEVA JUNE 13. ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE WORKERS' DELEGATION, THE ACTION WAS NECESSITATED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ARGENTINA INVOLVING WORKER STRIKES SUPPORTING PRESIDENT PERON. END SUMMARY.

2. CGT SEC GEN ADELINO ROMERO, METALWORKER LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL AND FIVE OTHER ARGENTINE LABOR LEADERS HAVE RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES TO BOLSTER THE LEADERSHIP OF CGT IN SUPPORT OF PERON. ALVAREZ, BALDASSINI,
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AND POLITO WILL STAY IN GENEVA UNTIL ILO CONFERENCE

TERMINATES ON JUNE 25. ALVAREZ DESCRIBED SITUATION IN ARGENTINA AS "NOT TOO SERIOUS AND UNDER CONTROL". GOA VICE PRESIDENT ISABEL PERON'S VISIT TO THE ILO SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 21 MAY BE CANCELED.

3. PRIOR TO LEAVING GENEVA, THE TEN-MEMBER ARGENTINE WORKER DELEGATION UNEXPECTEDLY BROKE WITH TRADITION BY ATTENDING AN ORIT LUNCHEON. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT A HIGH-LEVEL CGT DELEGATION HAS EVER ATTENDED AN OFFICIAL ORIT FUNCTION.

4. IN ANOTHER UNPRECEDENTED DEVELOPMENT THE ARGENTINES MET FOR TWO HOURS WITH THE U.S. WORKERS' DELEGATION. THE MEETING WAS MARKED BY OPEN AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF PAST PROBLEMS AND FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN AFC-CIO AND CGT. ROMERO ANNOUNCED THAT AN OFFICIAL CGT DELEGATION WILL VISIT THE U.S. IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER AS GUESTS OF THE AFC-CIO. DETAILS OF THIS MEETING AND THE ORIT LUNCHEON FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM. DALE

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